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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

LOW MOUNTED POWERED LIFTGATE OPERATING MECHANISM AND CONTROL SYSTEM

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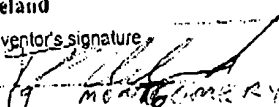
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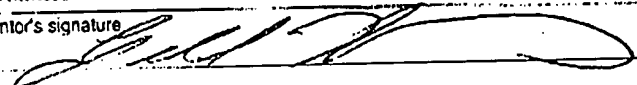
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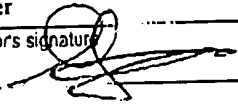
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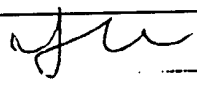
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